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This is a request for filing a

Continuation       Divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/798,448

filed on March 2, 2001, which is a continuation of PCT/JP00/05513 filed August 17, 2000.

of (inventor): Kazunori MUKASA

entitled: "OPTICAL FIBER AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE"

1a.  Enclosed is specification, claims and drawings of the continuation or divisional application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.

1b.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including a copy of the Oath or Declaration.

1c.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

1d.  Paper entitled Deletion of Inventor(s) Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2).

2.  FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

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| Independent Claims          | <u>2</u>     | -3           | = <u>0</u>                   | x \$84.00 = <u>\$</u> _____ |
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4.  A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed.

5.  Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a [X] continuation, [ ] division of application Serial Number 09/798,448 filed March 2, 2001, which is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/05513 filed August 17, 2000.

7. [ ] New formal drawings are enclosed. \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets, Fig(s). \_\_\_\_\_

8. [X] The prior application is assigned to The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. of Tokyo, JAPAN

9. [ ] Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_. Small entity status is still proper and desired.

10. [X] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

11. [X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes the following:

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12a. [X] The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

12b. [ ] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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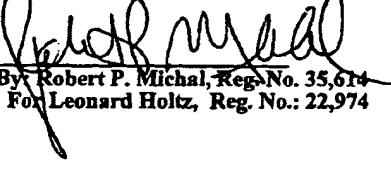
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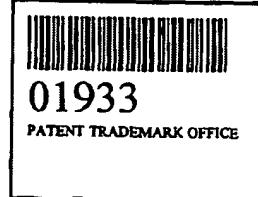
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